

serve without compensation. The Director may establish panels. No person will be appointed to a Civilian Review Board who would be ineligible for appointment to a District Appeal Board. A member of a Civilian Review Board would be disqualified in any case that a member of a District Appeal Board would be disqualified under the provisions of § 1605.25(a), (b) of this chapter. Each Board, or panel thereof, shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman at least every two years. A majority of the members of the Board when present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall decide any question. Every member, unless disqualified, shall vote on every question. In case of a tie vote on a question, the Board shall postpone action until the next meeting. If the question remains unresolved at the next meeting, the Director will transfer the case to another board. If, through death, resignation, or other causes, the membership of the Board falls below the prescribed number of members, the Board or panel shall continue to function, provided a quorum of the prescribed membership is present at each official meeting.

(f) It shall be the function of the Civilian Review Board to determine whether or not an ASW's job assignment violates the ASW's religious, moral, or ethical beliefs of convictions as to participation in war which led to his classification as a conscientious objector or is in violation of the provisions § 1656.5(a) of this part. In making the former determination, the Review Board must be convinced by the ASW that if the ASW performed the job, his convictions as to participation in war would be violated in a similar way as if the ASW had participated in war.

(g) The Civilian Review Board may affirm the assignment or order the re-assignment of the ASW in any matter considered by it.

(h) Procedures of the Civilian Review Board are:

(1) Appeals to the Board shall be in writing, stating as clearly as possible the ground for the appeal.

(2) The ASW may appear before the Board at his request. He may not be

represented by counsel or present witnesses. The ASOM or his representative may represent the Selective Service System at the hearing and present evidence.

(3) The Board's determination will be based on all documents in the ASW's file folder and statements made at the hearing.

(4) The decision of the Board will be binding only in the case before it. A decision of a Board will not be relied upon by a Board in any other case.

(5) A decision of the Board is not subject to review within the Selective Service System.

§ 1656.14 Postponement of reporting date.

(a) *General.* The reporting date in any of the following orders may be postponed in accord with this section.

(1) Report for Job Placement;

(2) Report for a Job Interview; or

(3) Report to an Employer to Commence Employment.

(b) *Requests for Postponement.* A request for postponement of a reporting date specified in an order listed in paragraph (a) must be made in writing and filed prior to the reporting date with the office which issued the order. Such requests must include a statement of the nature of the emergency and the expected period of its duration.

(c) *Grounds for Postponement.* An ASW may, upon presentation of the appropriate facts in his request, be granted a postponement based on one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The death of a member of his immediate family;

(2) An extreme emergency involving a member of his immediate family;

(3) His serious illness or injury; or

(4) An emergency condition directly affecting him which is beyond his control.

(d) *Basis for Considering Request.* The ASW's eligibility for a postponement shall be determined by the office of jurisdiction based upon official documents and other written information contained in his file. Oral statements made by the ASW or made by another person in support of the ASW shall be reduced to writing and placed in the ASW's file.

(e) *Duration of Postponement.* The initial postponement shall not exceed 60 days from the reporting date in the order. When necessary, the Director may grant one further postponement, but the total postponement period shall not exceed 90 days from the reporting date in the order involved.

(f) *Termination of Postponement.* (1) A postponement may be terminated by the Director for cause upon no less than ten days written notice to the ASW.

(2) Any postponement shall be terminated when the basis for the postponement has ceased to exist.

(3) It is the responsibility of the ASW promptly to notify in writing the office that granted the postponement whenever the basis for which his postponement was granted ceases to exist.

(g) *Effect of Postponement.* A postponement of the reporting date in an order shall not render the order invalid, but shall only serve to postpone the date on which the ASW is to report. The ASW shall report at the expiration or termination of the postponement.

(h) *Religious Holiday.* The Director may authorize a delay of reporting under any of the orders specified for an ASW whose date to report conflicts with a religious holiday historically observed by a recognized church, religious sect or religious organization of which he is a member. Any ASW so delayed shall report on the next business day following the religious holiday.

§ 1656.15 Suspension of order to perform alternative service because of hardship to dependents.

(a) Whenever, after an ASW has begun work, a condition develops that results in hardship to his dependent as contemplated by § 1630.30(a) of this chapter which cannot be alleviated by his reassignment under § 1656.12 (a)(3) of this part, the ASW may request a suspension of Order to Perform Alternative Service. If the local board that ordered the ASW to report for Alternative Service determines he would be entitled to classification in Class 3-A, assuming that the ASW were eligible to file a claim for that class, further compliance with his order shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 365

days, as the local board specifies. Extensions of not more than 365 days each may be granted by the local board so long as the hardship continues until the ASW's liability for training and service under the Military Selective Service Act terminates.

(b) An ASW may file a request for the suspension of his Order to Perform Alternative Service with the ASO. This request must be in writing, state as clearly as possible the basis for the request, and be signed and dated by the ASW. The ASW must continue working in his assigned job until his request for the suspension of his Order to Perform Alternative Service has been approved.

(c) Local boards shall follow the procedures established in parts 1642 and 1648 of this chapter to the extent they are applicable in considering a request for the suspension of an Order to Perform Alternative Service.

§ 1656.16 Early release—grounds and procedures.

(a) *General Rule of Service Completion.* An ASW will not be released from alternative service prior to completion of 24 months of creditable service unless granted an early release.

(b) *Reasons For Early Release.* The Director may authorize the early release of an ASW whenever the ASO determines that the ASW:

(1) Has failed to meet the performance standards of available alternative service employment because of physical, mental or moral reasons;

(2) No longer meets the physical, mental or moral standards that are required for retention in the Armed Forces based on a physical or mental examination at a MEPS or other location designated by Selective Service;

(3) Is planning to return to school and has been accepted by such school and scheduled to enter within 30 days prior to the scheduled completion of his alternative service obligation;

(4) Has been accepted for employment and that such employment will not be available if he remains in alternative service the full 24 months. Such early release shall not occur more than 30 days before the scheduled completion of his alternative service obligation; or